

# **Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

## **Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**May 18, 2010**

**A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Olayinka Oredugba. Members absent: Charles Newton and Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the April 21, 2010 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:**

**a) B & R Landscaping     MBE/DBE RI**

**b) Cronin Trucking .     WBE/DBE MA**

**c) Portscape, Inc. .     WBE MA**

**d) Valerie J. Southern – Transportation Consultant, LLC  
M/W/DBE VA**

**e) Wonderwall Construction, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program and/or the DBE program, as applicable, as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:**

**a) Gardner & Gerrish, LLC WBE RI**

**b) Shane & Company, LLC WBE RI**

**c) Sweetland Foods, Inc., d/b/a Cross Country Cookie WBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, dependency, compensation, capital contributions, and the appearance that the firms were structured in order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Hearings:**

**Truax Corporation – A hearing was conducted before the CRC**

regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of Truax Corporation, and was attended by Ms. Jean Truax, President of the application firm, as well as her legal counsel, David Mullen, Esq. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency, capital contributions, and the appearance that the firm was structured in order to take advantage of the MBE program, a motion was made to approve certification. The motion died due to failure to receive a second. Another motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. After additional discussion, the vote on the motion was called, and the motion to deny carried unanimously.

#### **Old/New Business:**

**Allstate Painting & Restoration, Inc. –** This firm had submitted an application for certification and had been properly notified of a hearing to be conducted today, May 18, 2010. The applicant submitted a written statement indicating that she would not be attending the scheduled hearing in order to present testimony. Therefore, a determination was made based on the written record and application documents submitted to date, without the benefit of testimony. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. Motion carried unanimously.

**ID's Enterprises, Inc. –** This currently certified WBE/DBE firm submitted a request for a category expansion to include flagging

**services. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the request for category expansion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**